

III. Geographical Coverage

Students need basic geographical knowledge in order to understand world history. The two maps that follow give students a starting point for identifying regions and their locations relative to other regions and landforms.

- ▶ **Map 1. AP World History: World Regions — A Big Picture View** identifies five major geographical regions: Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, and Oceania. The AP World History course provides balanced geographical coverage with all five of these regions represented. Coverage of European history does not exceed 20 percent of the total course.
- ▶ **Map 2. AP World History: World Regions — A Closer Look** identifies various subregions within the five major geographical regions.

Geospatial awareness is fundamental knowledge necessary for students to build an understanding of cross-cultural contacts, trade routes, migrations, etc., which constitute key concepts in the AP World History course.

These maps are a reference point for teachers and students alike. Because geographic naming conventions are not universal, these maps define regions and show the locations and commonly used names of regions that students are likely to encounter on the AP World History Exam.

AP World History: World Regions—A Big Picture View



AP World History: World Regions—A Closer Look

